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Lord Arslan

Rapier Flower of Chivalry

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

30 ESPERANZA III**

OCTOBER

13-14 KINGDOM ARTS & SCIENCES (College of Venerable Bede)
 20 FARMINGTON REN FAIRE DEMO** (Fontaine dans Sable)
 27-28 MIDDLE EASTERN ACADEMY**

NOVEMBER

3 ST. GOLIASS FEAST DAY (St. Goliass)
 10-11 OUTLANDS CORONATION (Fontaine dans Sable)
 17 ST. MARTIN'S TOURNAMENT** (unofficial al-Barran)
 17 AL-BARRAN MASKED BALL**
 18 TOYS FOR TOTS**
 30 SCORPIONS HOCKEY GAME**

DECEMBER

15-16 MIDWINTER**

** Indicates attendance by *Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings to the great populace of al-Barran. As the leaves turn to autumn, we hope you have high spirits in your hearts, and minds.

Congratulations to Our new Prince and Princess, Maelgwyn and Cionnleach, on Their fine victory in Crown Tournament. We look forward to the next Reign, and welcome Them here at all times.

Many thanks to Lord Ryan for performing an outstanding job as autocrat of Champions. We were very pleased to see you there. Thanks also to those who helped him, and volunteered. Without you, the people, we are nothing.

Tourney season is winding down, and we must prepare to serve Their Majesties as part of our feudal obligation. Beginning at 11:00 am on Sundays, WAR practice will be held at the park. We are the backbone of the Outlands army, and need to be prepared for any situation His Majesty may require. There are only a few months before we will meet the enemy in battle. Come all fighters.

We welcome new members of our retinue to our court. We trust the next year will be fruitful for us all, and look forward to building new friendships.

This month Our fair barony of al-Barran will be hosting several fine events. Please refer to articles in this issue for dates and times. We will be traveling to the shire of Fontaine dans Sable on the 20th for their Renaissance Faire demo. It is always a pleasure to visit with our neighboring groups, and show them support when we can. It will be a pleasure to see you all there.

If there is anyone who you feel deserves to be recognized for their achievements, please feel free to contact us and voice your opinion. Our barony is quite large, and unfortunately, we cannot be in all places at once. Remember always that the true wealth of al-Barran is not her money, or her material goods, but you the populace.

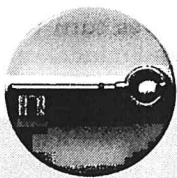
Trevor

Fermina

BARON

BARONESS

From the Seneschal



Greetings,

To begin with I would like to thank all the responses for web help. If I have not contacted you yet, I will be. We are always on the lookout for a little help. Most of the work for the web would be once a year type of stuff. So, please let me know if you're interested.

Baronial Champions was awesome. Anyone who was not there missed three good days of chivalry and revelry. Lord Ryan did a wonderful job in bringing about a wonderful weekend.

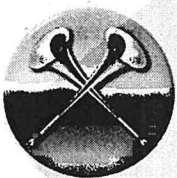
Now as our thoughts slowly turn toward Midwinter and War, we have a plethora of great events upcoming. Please come and join us for a day of hope at Esperanza III on Sept 30th, at Jeanne Bellamah Park. Doña Maria has a wonderful day planned. Please read the article in the Shaft.

Farmington Renaissance Faire Demo is coming October 20th. For those of us who have not or cannot go to one of the big Renaissance Faires around the country, Farmington does an outstanding job for us Outlanders. Please plan to attend.

In Service to the Dream,

Sjerne

From the Scorpion Pursuivant



Greetings,

New champions were made at last month's Baronial Champions event. The new Baroness's Champion is Lord Samuel the Panhandler; the Baron's Champion and the Master Blade both went to Sir Cathyn; Lord Michael McQuillan became the Premier Blade; and Don OEngus became this year's Baronial Archery Champion. Their excellencies chose as the Flower of Chivalry Lord Arslan; and Lord Santiago became their Rapier Flower of Chivalry.

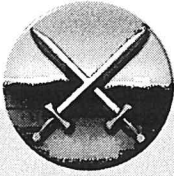
Lord Mordygane received the only award given at the event, a Hammer of al-Barran.

I wish to thank Master Adam Stedefast, Lord Ryan Brunloc and Lord Aethelwulf for their lending their voices to this event.

In Service,

Cristobal

From the Knight Marshal



Greetings:

I hope that this missive finds everyone well, and winding down after a very busy summer season. With summer waning it is time to turn our attention to WAR!!! We are already running melees every Sunday at regular fighter practice. Please come out as often as possible. The more we train now the more easily we will crush our enemies at

Estrella. This month look for the Middle Eastern Academy to provide some new and entertaining fighting opportunities. See details elsewhere in the Shaft.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the newest deputy to this office. Tankred d'Avonyon will be the deputy knight marshal in charge of loaner armor. His contact information can be found in the front of the Shaft. Right now he is in the process of collecting, and making usable, bits of loaner armor. If you have any gear that you no longer use, and would be willing to loan it to the Barony, please contact Tankred.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate all the new Champions of al-Barran. Also, I would like to thank all those that helped with the fighting and marshaling at Champions.

Yours in Service

James David de Argentias

From the Quartermaster

Greetings to the populace,

I hope everyone enjoyed the camping season as much as I have and is now getting ready for the feasting events of the cooler months. Autocrats, please remember to contact me at least two weeks prior to your event to get stuff for the kitchen. Also, if you have lost or found things at events please contact me so that we can try to get everything back where it belongs.

Items left at Champions:

2 black tableclothes (a fitted and regular sheet actually)

Set of slip covers for a loveseat (these may be donations but I would like to be sure)

Black 6 Qt stock pot with ladle (contained a very tasty soup for the feast)

A variety of utensils, platters, and mugs

A green folding chair (the bagable type)

A small green scarf with animals printed on it

In service,

Lord Ryan Brunloe

From the Captain of Archers

Greetings good gentles,

Baronial Champions was lots of fun and great food too!!!

Thanks go out to Ld. Ryan and all the folk who pitched in to make it happen...well done! Ian day tripped from Atenveldt to marshal the Archery Champion tournament and prize shoot for which he awarded a beautiful Navajo blanket. Thank you for the extraordinary effort Ian. Speaking of the tournament...Don Oengus of Greymist is our new Champion Archer. Rudger came in a close second, I transixed names and numbers and mistook Rudger's score for Gotshalg's at the event, sorry Rudger I have a prize for you and of course Gotshalg keep your prize for third place.

We also shot the disc toss in which Ld. Corwin was victorious. Rudger also gave Corwin good competition and they shot a tiebreaker round. Don Oengus also won Ian's prize shoot, however he had to shoot off with Mistress Kathryn to break a tie. Thanks to all who participated in the archery games. I hope you all had fun.

The practice range is at Mstr. Tore's & Ldy. Sylvia's home. We have built an outhouse for convenience but be sure to bring your own water or drink. Take south 14 (337) from Tijeras and follow it to the very top of the hill. Watch for Woodpecker Circle on your right, take the second intersection marked thus and their home is the second driveway on the left. If you miss the sign you'll see a convenience store on the right where you can turn around. Please park near the storage sheds so as not to block the driveway.

Stay focused on your mark,

Seitan



From the Mistress of the List

Greetings unto the al-Barran Populace!

This year I have been asked to gather, from al-Barran's fine and generous populace, goodies for the prize table for our Toys for Tots event. As you know this event is all about giving, making a child's' Christmas wishes come true, and getting that wondrous feeling from giving your opponent bruises, 'Tis the Season.

I am asking the citizens of our fair Barony to the artisans, craftsmen and women and to the general populace to donate your fine wares, projects, treasures, and stuff you don't want. Fill the prize table, use it as a showcase

for your wares, your skills, and show everyone your impeccable good taste. Let us join together to show the fighters, and the entire barony that not only are we the best but we are the most generous. Help us all share the warmth, generosity, and wonder of the season.

Lady Alethea La Sage and I will be at Sunday fighter practices between now and Toys for Tots, should you wish to bring your donation to practice. You may also contact me by phone 323-4982 and leave a message.

Lady Alethea and I may also contact you individually to request donations from you, your tribe, clan or household. We will be most diligent to ensure the prize table follows the legacy of the previous prize tables or pears past.

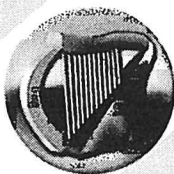
May the light and warmth of Summer stay with one and all during the long winter months.

Yours in service,

Lady Danica Nomanja

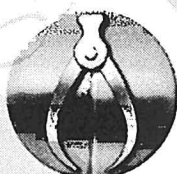


From the Minister of the Arts & Science



Greetings All

The adobe bread oven built by Baroness Fermina, her mother, lady Thea and I at Lands End works! At Baronial Champions last weekend Lady Isabella, Lady Kira, Lord Cameron, and lady Bronwnn built a fire and baked a big batch of garlic cheese



foccachia. Awesome!

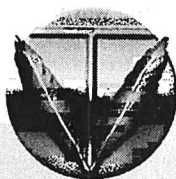
Her Excellency, Fermina has suggested that any one interested in baking in the oven might like to come out for a baking day sometime in the next month or so. The oven can bake ten to twelve loaves of bread with one heating, so a number of people could bring a loaf or two to bake. Look and listen for dates and times.

I recently got a great first lesson in celestial navigation from Lord Gonner the Pirate. He has some marvelous devices he uses to tell time at night, find latitude, etc. I also got a terrific tassel-tying lesson from Lady Wilhelmina at Gammer Gurton's Needle last month. As usual, I am always curious what you are up to in the arts and sciences so let me know! My contact information is in the front of the Shaft.

In Service,

Leonore of Black Diamond

From the Acting Chronicler



Warm greetings unto the populace of al-Barran!

A wonderful time was to be had at Champions, and you will find our new Champions listed elsewhere. There were 11 new subscriptions, and 1 renewal subscription taken at Champions.

The EXPIRED subscriptions for the last several months are: 6 in July, 5 in August, 7 in September, and 19 for October.

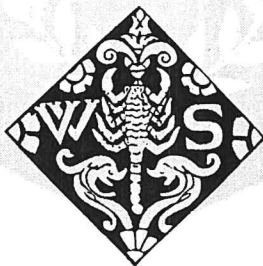
Issues to be mailed out this month are 8 trade, 20 complimentary, and 96 regular subscriptions. If you find that your subscription is running out, please take the time to renew your subscription. You may wish to mail it in to the address on the back or you can also get with me at fighter practice, I tend to be there most weekends.

Once again it is time for a new Phone Directory to be coming out. If your information has changed since the last directory, you can email me at joycelente@mindspring.com with your updated information, or if you wish you can get it to me at fighter practice park, I try to be there most Sundays. If you can't track me down in the grass, check over at the playground area. If there are people you think should be in the directory, let me know and I will contact them about being listed in the directory, if they so wish.

Needed by the chronicler office is cover art. Events coming up in the next few months, that would be great themes for cover art, are Toy for Tots, Midwinter, Winter Wolf, and Estrella to name just a few. Please think about getting your artwork to me for use as a cover on a upcoming issue.

In Service,

Kathus Rosa



ESPERANZA III

Sunday, September 30, 2001

Al-Barran

Jeanne Bellamah Park, 11400 Rosemont St.

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Site opens: 9:00 am

Site closes: 6:00 pm

Site is dry

Site fee: free

The Barony of al-Barran cordially invites you to join us for a day of festivities at the third annual Esperanza event.

During the Middle Ages, at the height of chivalry, there was a day much celebrated throughout the European countries. This day was known as Michaelmas to honor Archangel Michael, the first champion. By this title of champion he was recognized as the patron of the many orders of knighthood. On his Feast Day (September 29); all the angels are honored, as is St. Michael.

Bring forth your period pavilions, let your banners soar and dress up in your finest garb as we celebrate Hope (Esperanza) and the Feast of Angels (fiesta de Los Angeles). Invite your coworkers, friends, and neighbors so that they may experience the chivalry, courtesy, and hospitality of our fair Barony.

We will have heavy and light weapons tourneys as well as a youth blade tournament this year. Heralds are needed to cry the challenges and proclaim feats of skill. We will have Arts & Science exhibitions, contests*, youth activities and more. A variety of period foods will be offered to delight the palate.

Donations of period foods are needed for the groaning board. These can be food or drink, main or side dishes or desserts. We will have a prize table this year. Contributions are needed and welcomed. If you are interested in providing an A&S item for display or hands-on learning or to otherwise volunteer please contact the Autocrat or coordinator listed.

Contests (sponsor):

Best Promissory Scroll with Angel in Illumination (Cailte)

Best Angelic Dessert (Cailte)

Best Angel in any Medium (live angels welcome)

Adult, Youth & Populace choice categories (Maria)

Site: Jeanne Bellamah Park (fighter practice park), Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank.

Autocrat: Doña Maria Sol de Leon (Anna Maria Martinez), 2118 Central SE #92, Albuquerque, NM, 87106; (505) 550-5258, mariasol@unm.edu

Food coordinator: Mistress Cailte Caichairn (Kathleen Roberts), (505) 452-1687, karobert@unm.edu

For current information, please visit our website:

<http://www.unm.edu/~mariasol/hope/index.html>

CHANGES TO THE HARK THE HERALDS COMPETITION AT ESPERANZA III:

Greetings,

The Barony of al-Barran will be hosting a **HARK THE HERALDS** competition at this years Esperanza tournament (September 30, 2001.) All are welcome to participate.

Since my last letter, I have made a few changes to the format of this competition. As I announced before, the competition will be in two parts: field heraldry and heraldic knowledge. The difference is how the field heraldry portion.

There will be a processional before the tournaments, which will include both heavy and light weapons fighters. Heralds will present the individual fighters to the baronial court. Heralds may present more than one fighter.

Heralds will be judged on their originality, clarity and overall presentation. Humor is encouraged. And of course boasting is not only allowed, but is expected.

Additionally, the field herald portion of the competition will also include heralding the tournament. In addition to the guidelines above, heralds must be impartial when calling the tournaments. (Yes, you will be judged on your impartiality.) Heralds are not required to herald in both the processional and the tournament; they may do one or the other if they wish.

Heralds are required, however, to compete in the Heraldic Knowledge portion of the competition. THL Pendar will be testing competitors on their knowledge. Heralds will be allowed to choose their knowledge level: beginning, intermediate and advanced.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Field Herald, Most Knowledgeable Herald, Their Excellencies Favorite Herald, and Best Overall Herald.

If you wish to compete in the competition, please show up at Jeanne Bellamah park before the lists open at 11:00 AM. The processional will be held immediately before the tournaments. Heralds may pair up with fighters ahead of time. See me before the processional if you are a herald without a fighter, or visa versa.

For more information, you may contact me at abqbobcat@aol.com, call me 505-839-7302, or check out the Esperanza III web site at <http://www.unm.edu/~mariasol/hope/>

In service,

Lord Cristobal Vasquez de Narriahondo
Scorpion Pursuivant of al-Barran

Farmington Renaissance Faire Demo

Fontaine dans Sable
Rocky Reach Landing, Animas Park,
Farmington, New Mexico 87401
October 20, 2001 A.S. XXXVI
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The City of Farmington will be holding their 2001 Renaissance Faire on October 20th, 2001 at the Rocky Reach Landing at Animas Park in Farmington. The Shire of Fontaine dans Sable will be hosting a Demo for the faire.

There are two options open to SCA Members this year, there will be camping available, with potable water, at the site as well as the Holiday Inn has rooms available at a reduced rate of \$52.00 per night for the SCA, October can be cold at night so the rooms are a good option. The SCA will take part in the "Royal Procession" as well heavy and light tourneys and fight-a-knight. We will also be hosting roving light weapons.

Clan Tynker will be performing again this year. There will be musical entertainment, as well and many vendors present.

Autocrat: Lord Duncan Alastair MacRae (Rick Nelson), 2201 E 12th street, Farmington, NM 87401. Phone: 505-325-2580 Email: rnielson@cyberport.



Middle Eastern Academy

Barony of al-Barran
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DSD Studios, 939 San Pedro SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
DSD site opens at 8:30 am and closes 11:00 pm on Sat, 10/27
and it opens at 9:00 am and closes 12:00 noon on Sun, 10/28

Site fee: \$7.00 (includes finger foods at revel Sat. evening)

Make checks payable to SCA al-Barran

Site is wet

Tournament site opens at 12:30 pm on Sun, 10/28;

Closes at 4:00 pm on Sun, 10/28

Jeanne Bellamah Park, Tomasita NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Site is dry

The warm, sunny barony of al-Barran invites you to come explore the wealth and opulence of the Ottoman Turk and Persian Empires on the weekend of October 27 and 28. We will spend two days exploring the wealth of these two cultures. There will be classes on Islamic Culture, Costuming, Dance, Harem

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

	1 Sammer Surton's Needle Period Acting	2	
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Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

3 Bladdwyn Fighter Practice	4	5	6 Archery Practice
10 Bladdwyn Fighter Practice	11 Heraldry Meeting	12	13 Kingdom A&S Competition (Venerable Bede)
17 Bladdwyn Fighter Practice	18	19	20 Archery Practice Farmington Renaissance Fair Demo
24 Bladdwyn Fighter Practice	25 Heraldry Meeting	26	27 Middle Eastern Academy
31 Bladdwyn Fighter Practice			

Culture, Culinary Arts, Nomadic Housing (tents), Music and the FIGHTING ARTS. Saturday evening there will be a revel with a light buffet. Music classes will be on Sunday; all other classes will be on Saturday. Class site is the DSD Studio. Sunday afternoon there will be a heavy weapons tournament at Jeanne Bellamah Park. All entrants must perform the Turkish Fighters' dance, which will have been taught late Saturday.

Saturday Classes:

9:00-10:00 am	Cultural overview
9:15-10:30 am	Turkish Gypsy Dance
10:00-12:00 pm	Turkish and Persian Garb
10:30-11:45 am	Persian Dance
12:00-1:00 pm	Persian Cuisine
1:00-3:00 pm	Tents and furnishings
1:00-3:00 pm	Harem Culture, toiletries and accessories
3:00-4:30 pm	Turkish Folk Dance
4:30-5:30 pm	Turkish Fighters Dance
1:00-4:30 pm	Turkish and Persian Fighting styles, armour, and weapons

Saturday evening:

7:00-11:00 pm Revel with finger food feast, music, and dance

Sunday class:

9:00-12:00 pm Turkish music. Bring your instruments

Sunday Afternoon:

12:30 pm Heavy Weapons tournament

Directions: DSD Studios. Take your best route to I-40 eastbound, exit south on San Mateo and go south to Zuni. Turn east (left) onto Zuni and go to San Pedro. Turn South (right) onto San Pedro and continue past Katherine to the Willow shopping center. DSD Studios is at 939 at the southern end of the strip mall.

Jeanne Bellamah Park. Take I-40 eastbound to Eubank. Go North on Eubank to Lomas. Turn East (right) onto Lomas. Go east to Tomasita and turn North (left) onto Tomasita. Jeanne Bellamah Park is on your right after the second stop sign. We meet in the southeast corner of the park (regular al-Barran fighter practice site.)

Autocrat: Lady Shoshanna (Kiva Zellermayer), 7215 Bangor NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, 505-899-1512



St Goliass Feast Day

College of St. Goliass

November 3 A.S. XXXVI (2001)

Site opens: 10 AM, Site closes: 10 PM

NM Tech, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801

Fees: site \$5 or Site & Feast \$10

Checks payable to: SCA- al-Barran

Site is dry

Directions: Directions to NM Tech Athletic Field. *From the North:* Take 1-25 south to Exit 150. Turn right at the third traffic light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field.

From the South: Take 1-25 North to either: A) Exit 150 and follow directions above, or; B) Take Exit 147 and head north, making a left turn at the fourth light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field.

Site restrictions: No pets. Smoking allowed outside the buildings and the Goliass pavilion. Water and restrooms are available. Showers may be available as well at the NM Tech pool.

Autocrat: Torcail Gilleghaolain (Tony Perreault), 1003 Monte Vista, Socorro, NM 87801; (505) 835-1632, email: tperreau@nrao.edu



AL-BARRAN MASKED BALL

November 17th, 2001

Site Opens at 11:00 am

Site closes at 11:00 pm

Site is dry

La Mesa Presbyterian Church

7401 Copper NE

Bonsoir Monsieurs and Mademoiselles,

As the summer comes to a close, we cordially invite one and all to the al-Barran Masked Ball. Adorn your feet with your dancing shoes and yourself with your finest French attire, for as much fun and revelry shall all day transpire. Join us during the day to refresh your dancing steps or to learn anew, for the grace and style that it will revive in you.

Fine French cuisine will be served as a sideboard, so feast gear is helpful. Masks will be offered as site tokens, but feel free to make your own as a contest will be held. Dance classes are from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The ball is from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

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Directions: Take your best route to I-40 and the southern Louisiana exit. Travel south on Louisiana past Lomas by 3 blocks to Copper, turn left onto Copper and continue down 3 blocks to La Mesa Presbyterian Church. Church is between Mesilla and Espanola streets. Parking is in the lot or on side streets.

Please call Lady Tessa for Reservations.

Autocrat: Lady Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn (Jennifer Jones), 4011 Glenn Drive SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105; telephone is (505) 203-3034.

Feastocrat: Lord Clovis Martell (Louis Auletta); telephone is (505) 872-6136.

TOYS FOR TOTS AL-BARRAN

Barony of al-Barran, November 18, AS XXXVI (2001)

Site opens at 9:00 am ; Site closes at 7:00 pm

Jeanne Bellamah Park, 11400 Rosemont St.

Albuquerque, NM 87110

Fees: New unwrapped toy

Site is DRY

On Sunday, November 18, 2001, the mighty Barony of al-Barran will be hosting its eleventh annual Toys for Tots Tourney at Jeanne Bellamah Park. Events will include both Heavy and Light weapons fighting, melees, and other outdoor games. The entry fee will be a new, unwrapped toy. In addition, there will be an Arts & Sciences Competition with the usual theme of best Scorpion in any medium. Donations for the groaning board (food table), and the prize table are most welcome. Also, volunteers are always needed.

The New Mexico Scorpions Hockey Team has once again graciously invited our Barony to a game this season. Last year the Barony was invited to attend a match in all our scorpion regalia. In exchange, the team allowed us to collect toys for our Toys for Tots effort. We are scheduled to attend on Friday, November 30th this year. Tickets will once again be \$7.00, and will go on sale at Esperanza on the 30th. If you missed last year's match, you certainly will want to attend this time. Ask anyone that attended how much fun was had, and this will become a must do activity on your calendar.

Our Barony will not be able to count the toys collected at the hockey game in our official tally this year because the game is after the 18th, so it is important that our populace bring as many toys as possible to the park on the 18th. If you can collect donations from your place of employment, and would be willing to do this, I can provide you with Toys for Tots promotional posters. This will not only help our Barony retain its rightful place as champion toy collector in our Kingdom, but more importantly will provide even more children with a joyous holiday season.

Autocrat: Lord James David (Jim Doyle), PO Box 454, Moriarty, NM 87035
Phone (505) 832-5393

Best Scorpion in Any Medium Competition

Artisans of al-Barran, you are once again requested to show your works in support of the Toys for Tots Tourney on November 18th, 2001. the theme is the ever-popular "Best Scorpion in Any Medium" (no live scorpions, please!). Some of the categories are the Baron and Baroness' Choice, Populous Choice, and a Children's category. Children are encouraged to enter. Additional categories may be chosen at a later date. Now is not too early to be thinking of your project to show our support of Toys for Tots. The entry is one new, unwrapped toy per entrant. Donations of prizes are welcome.

Sponsored by: Duchess Elisheva (Corinne Dowd), (505) 237-2157.

written for Duchess Elisheva by Kathws Rusa

al-Barran Midwinter Celebration

December 15-16 AS XXXVI (2001)

Youth Hall, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Their Excellencies Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran invite one and all to come and enjoy the upcoming midwinter festivities.

To honor the mighty baron of al-Barran, Sir Trevor, the theme for this year's Midwinter Celebration will be German. All are encouraged to wear German garb from any time within our Period.

The evening's revelry will include court dancing in the main hall as well as drumming and Middle Eastern dancing in the tavern. These and other activities will begin after feast and court.

The sumptuous German feast whose delectables span the period is only \$15 (including site fee). In the past, this feast has sold out so be sure to send your reservations, including SCA name, modern name, and check payable to SCA al-Barran to:

Midwinter Feast
P.O. Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

The Saturday feast, court and revelry will take place at the traditional site of the Leon Harms Youth Hall at the State Fair Grounds. Enter at Gate 4 from San Pedro, just south of Central. War Practice will occur the next day, Sunday, at Jeanne Bellamah Park.

More information will come, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 888-2440 or molly@silicon-desert.com.

In Service,
Molly of the Willows
Midwinter Autocrat

The Baronial Shaft

Estrella War Press Release

Greetings all,

This month's "press release" is short and sweet, just a request from the good gentle in charge of the archery prize shoots. Next month I will lots of new information for you. Also the Estrella War web is up and running.

In service to the Kingdom,
Baroness Eilidh MacMurtrie, PEL

Greetings Kind Gentles of the Known World

I am Lord Ian Griffen the Archer, I have been asked to organize the prize shoots for Estrella War XVIII, Which will be held from February 13th thru the 18h 2002.

If you are a Kingdom, Barony, Shire, Canton, March, College, Household or individual that wishes to sponsor a prize shoot please contact me at phxrock@qwest.net.

The prize shoots will be held on Sunday February 17th 2002. Starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. This year there will be three ranges available to hold the shoots. As it stands now the time allowed would be subject to the number of slots for prize shoots requested. You will be welcome to use any equipment that is not needed on the Practice Range or for the Known World Champion Tournament.

Please provide the following information when requesting a time for your shoot.

The Name of the group/person
The Contact information for the Group/person
Location of Group/person (Kingdom)
If a marshal is needed
The requested time

Yours in Service,
Lord Ian Griffen the Archer

Champions' Thank You

Greetings to the populace,

I wanted to take a moment and thank some of the many people that made this event possible and so much fun for everyone. First off, those that helped with setup and take down, especially Kovach and Fahlah (doing double duty as the wandering gate as well), Kira and Cameron (and family and friends) who are always willing to lend a hand and Danica and Wolfgar. Also, to Eric Blaxton, Gwen McIver, OEngus and all the populace that brought food for that amazing feast, Huzzah! To my coordinators and other helpers,

particularly Bria and Danica for their work throughout the event, thanks for making it as easy as it looked. Finally, I would like to thank the populace for coming out and having a good time, cleaning up the site and following the rules.

Also, congratulations to our new Champions:

Bearer of the Baroness' Favor: Ld Sam Tynker
Baron's Champion: Sir Cathyn Fitzgerald
Protector of the Baroness' Heart: Don Govanen
Champion Archer: Don OEngus
Bard: Ld Thomas
Master Swordsman: Sir Cathyn Fitzgerald
Master Blade: Ld Michael McQuillan
Flower of Chivalry: Ld Arslan Batu Jin
Rapier Flower of Chivalry: Santiago

If you are missing something from the event please let me know, it may have been turned in to me.

In service,

Lord Ryan Brunloc

'Blaidwyn' Project Nights

Come one, come all - to the now regularly scheduled Blaidwyn Project Con-clave!

That's right! Starting this coming Tuesday (the 25th of September), Blaidwyn College will be gathering in UNM's Dane Smith Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to work on projects, share goodies, and be social. These are primarily intended to be social gatherings where we can get some personal project work done, meet other members, receive advice, and just generally have fun. (Oh, and hopefully pick up a new member or two.)

The main gathering will be in the Dane Smith Lounge (downstairs) with Room 232 reserved for anything that might be disruptive. Garb is recommended, but not required. Bring a project to work on or to share. A potluck snack/dinner contribution is also requested, but not a requirement.

We shall start gathering at 6-ish, but feel free to drop in anytime until they kick us out.

In Service,

Gauvain Eisenbein

Acting Blaidwyn Seneschal

P.S. Since we have a classroom reserved for our use every Tuesday, this is a good opportunity for anyone who would like to teach a seminar, demo something they are proud of, or just show off. If you would like to do one of these things, let me know and I will get you on the schedule.

Medieval Days of October

1. (1207) Happy Birthday, Henry III, King of England; (1097) Bohemond, son of Robert of Guiscard, sets out on the 1st Crusade.
2. (534) Death of Athalaric, King of the Ostrogoths; (1066) The news of the landing of William of Normandy is brought to Harold, King of England, at York.
3. (1226) Death of St. Francis of Assisi; (2333BCE) Tangun establishes Kingdom of Chosun (Korea);(1582) Gregorian calendar introduced.
4. (1189) Capture of Gerald de Ridefort, 10th Master of the Templars, at the Siege of Acre; (1669) Death of Rembrandt.
5. Day of the Holy Spirit (Byzantium). (610) Heraclius attacks Constantinople with his fleet; (1568) William of Orange crosses the Meuse.
6. (105) Germanic tribes defeat Romans at battle of Arausio; (1600) "Euridice," the oldest extant opera, first performed.
- 7 (1543) Happy Birthday, Hans Holbein; (336) Death of St. Mark, Pope; (1492) A false cry of "land!" made Columbus change course and miss Florida.
8. (1361) A Trial By Combat between the Chevalier Macaire and a dog. Victory was to the dog, which thus solved the murder of its master, M. Aubrey de Montidier. (1604) The supernova called "Kepler's nova" is 1st sighted.
9. (1547) Happy Birthday, Miguel Cervantes; (1000) Lief Eriksson lands in North America.
10. (1349) Edward, the Black Prince of England, marries the Fair Countess of Kent; (1555) The Elector Augustus of Saxony bans firearms. The ban is cheerfully ignored.
11. (1231) Conrad of Marburg directed by Pope Gregory IX to uproot Satanism in Thuringia; (1586) Trial of Mary, Queen of Scots.
12. (1428) English siege of Orleans begins, raised by Joan of Arc May 7th in 1429; (1492) Death of Piero della Francesca.
13. (1240) Death of Sultana Raziyya, the first female Moslem ruler; (1399) Geoffrey Chaucer granted a larger Royal pension.
14. (1322) Victory of Robert I, "the Bruce," King of Scotland, in Yorkshire; (1536) Garcilaso de la Vega, Spanish poet, dies.
15. (1520) King Henry VIII of England orders bowling lanes at Whitehall; (1526) The Hungarian Assembly meets to choose a new King.
16. (1620) Happy Birthday, Pierre Puget, Baroque sculptor, painter, architect; (1553) Death of Lucas Cranach.

Medieval Days of October

17. (1171) Henry II, King of England, arrives in Ireland; (1469) Ferdinand of Aragon marries Isabella of Castile.

18. Happy Birthday, Luca Giordano, Napoli, painter; (614) France gets a constitution; (768) Coronation of Charlemagne and his brother Carloman, as co-rulers of the Franks.

19. (1092) Walcher of Malvern observes a lunar eclipse; (1453) Fall of Bordeaux: End of the Hundred Years' War.

20. (1314) Coronation of Louis IV, King of Germany; (1518) Florence, Italy, requested that the remains of Dante be moved there.

21. (1581) Happy Birthday, Zampieri Domenichino, Italian artist; (1520) Magellan enters the Straits of Magellan.

22. (685) Two giant pandas presented to the Emperor of Japan by the Emperor of China; (1972) Creation of the Order of the Pelican (SCA).

23. (1366) A meteor shower passed over France; (1385) founding of the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

24. (1273) Coronation of Rudolph I as King of Germany; (1531) Bavaria joins the Schmalkaldic League; (1601) Death of Tycho Brahe, astronomer.

25. (1340) Happy Birthday Chaucer; (1360) King John of France freed from the English; (1415) AGINCOURT: defeat of France by Henry V of England.

26. (1564) Happy Birthday, Hans Leo Hassler, composer; (1595) Elizabeth I, Queen of England, approves the conversion of archers into musketeers.

27. (1401) Happy Birthday, Catherine, wife of Henry V, King of England; (1612) Prince Dimitri Pojarsky defeats the Poles.

28. (969) Byzantines take Antioch; (1348) Third Wave of the Black death hits Europe; (1412) Death of Margaret, Queen of Scandanavia.

29. (1463) Happy Birthday, Alessandro Achillini, Bologna, Italy, philosopher, physician; (1066) Canterbury submits to William "the Conqueror"; (1541) The widow of John Zapolyai, King of Hungary, cedes Hungary to Ferdinand of Hapsburg, King of Hungary.

30. (1281) HIMS: a Mongol army of 100,000 men, with King Leo of Armenia and the Hospitallers battles a Muslim army under Qualawun; (1300) Edward, King of England, signs a truce and abandons his invasion of Scotland.

31. Samhain, Celtic New Year, All Hallow's Eve; (475) Romulus Augustulus, last Western roman Emperor, elevated to the throne; (1512) Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel shown; (1517) Martin Luther pins his 95 Theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg Castle.

The Exeter Book of Riddles

Translated and located at <http://www.technozen.com/exeter/index.htm>

Who is so clever and quick-witted
as to guess who goads me on my journey
when I get up, angry, at times awesome;
when I roar loudly and rampage over the land,
sometimes causing havoc; when I burn houses
and ransack palaces? Smoke rises,
ashen over roofs. There is a din on earth,
me die sudden deaths when I shake the forest,
the flourishing trees, and fell timber -
I with my roof of water, an avenger
driven far and wide by the powers above;
I carry on my back what once covered
every man, body and soul submerged
together in the water. Say what conceals me
or what I, who bear this burden, am called.



Storm on Land

Ring me, they ring me. I work long hours
and must readily obey my master,
break my rest, and loudly proclaim
that my guardian gave me a halter.
A man or a woman, weary and bleary,
has often called on me; winter-cold
I answer them, surely as they are. Sometimes
a warm limb looses the bound ring.
But it delights my master, a dull sort
of man, and satisfies me into the bargain,
if anyone can fathom and solve my riddle



A Flail or Millstone

I'm by nature solitary, scarred by iron
and wounded by sword, weary of battle.
I often see the face of war, and fight
hateful enemies; yet I hold no hope
of help being brought to me in battle
before I'm cut to pieces and perish.
At the city wall sharp-edged sword,
skillfully forged in the flames by smiths,
bite deeply into me. I must await
a more fearsome encounter; it is not for me
to find a physician on the battlefield,
one of those men who heals wounds with herbs.
My sword wounds gape wide and wider;
death blows are dealt me by day and by night.



A Shield

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Christ, the true giver of victories,
created me for combat. When my lord
urges me to fight, I often scorch mortals;
I approach the earth and, without a touch,
afflict a huge host of people.
At times I gladden the minds of men,
keeping my distance I console those
whom I fought before; they feel my kindness
as they once felt my fire when,
after such suffering, I soothe their lives.



The Sun

Silent is my dress when I step across the earth,
reside in my house, or ruffle the waters.
Sometimes my adornments and this high windy air
left me over the living of men,
the power of the clouds carries me far
over all people. My white pinions
resound very loudly, ring with a melody,
sing out clearly, when I sleep not on
the soil or settle on grey waters - a traveling spirit.



A Swan

I saw ten in all, roaming the greensward,
six brothers strutting with their sisters;
they had living spirits. A garment of skin -
there was no mistaking it - hung on the wall
of each one's house. And none were worse off,
nor their movements more painful, though
they must gnaw at the grey-green shoots,
robbed of their garments, roused by the might
of the guardian of heaven. New clothing
is furnished for those who before walked out naked;
they scatter and roam over the land.



Ten Chickens

My garb is ashen and in my garments
bright jewels, garnet-coloured, gleam.
I mislead muddlers, dispatch the thoughtless
on fool's errands, and thwart cautious men
in their useful journeys. I can't think
why, addled and led astray, robbed
of their senses, men praise my ways
to everyone. Woe betide addicts
when they bring the dearest of hoards on high
unless they've foregone their foolish habits.



Wine

Gammer Gurton's Needle

In October, Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet at Duchess Leah's house at 617 Alvarado SE. Directions are: Alvarado is west of San Pedro and her house is south of Zuni, phone is 256-9806. We are continuing to make tassels as site tokens for Midwinter. We also have made small (2") beaded scorpions-nice for pins or ornaments. We will have members available to show how these are made (bring small gold beads and thin bead wire). These miniature scorpions are adorable and make great presents!

We are having a Gammer Gurton's monthly demonstration at Fighter practice at the park. We will be doing this once a month, the same time as the practice tourney. This will provide another chance for instruction and sharing since not everyone can come on Monday evenings. Please let Rosamond know if you want special instruction on any of our past projects and she will try to have a teacher at the park for you. Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different handwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.



Court Dancing

The al-Barranian Court Dancers Performance Troupe wishes to thank Wal-Mart on Academy for their very generous donation of an AIWA 30 watt portable, battery operated stereo sound system for our use for performances and demos in parks and other places where we do not have access to electricity. With this new sound system, we'll have greater volume and clearer sound than we have been having on Sundays at the park. The stereo system we bought last November, just like this AIWA one, from our court dancers fundraising efforts, does not work now on batteries, apparently due to an internal default switch. We are still looking for someone who might be able to repair our old one.

I have started 3 youth court dance performance groups, based on age and abilities, from the youth who attend our court dance practices from 1-3 p.m. at Jeanne Bellamah Park on Sundays. I would like the youngest children, ages 7-9 there from noon to 1 p.m. if at all possible, as their dancing needs and abilities differ from the older youth and adults. Any youth ages 7 through 19 are welcome to be a member of these groups. For further details, my home phone number is 293-7453. Court dance practices for October will be on the 7th, 21st and 28th.

Yours in service,

Barbara

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lady Rowena 266-1801*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Mstr. Tore's & Ldy. Sylvia's home. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m., Animal Services Building, 8920 Lomas NE, east of Karl Malone Toyota. *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*



Court Dance Practice

In October, Sundays (7, 21, 28), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Dance practice is open to everyone age 7 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Front side (east) of Carlisle Gym, at UNM; gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitor lots or across Central Avenue, valid UNM permit parkers may use the lot West of Carlisle Gym. *Contact: Lord Ryan 265-3142*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Period Acting

Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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